



**PAXTON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## A Goodly Heritage

*Luke 9: 51-62*

JUNE 29, 2025  
3500 SHARON ST | 717-561-0510

# WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

June 29, 2025

10:30 a.m.

### WORSHIP PREPARATION

**In preparing for our worship together please quiet yourself  
and allow God's Spirit to ready your heart, mind, and soul.**

During this time, we invite you to sign the **guest book**, pass it down your row and back again and note friends and guests worshipping next to you. Please also complete a **prayer request card** at this time if you have a joy or concern for which you would like special prayers during the service. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

### GREETINGS AND NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

Praise the Lord.

***The Lord's name be praised!***

### MUSIC INTERLUDE

## THE WORD GATHERS US

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

***We remember God's wonders of old.***

Let us meditate on all of God's deeds,

***In past deliverance and in present power.***

The Lord our God is holy.

***Let us worship God!***

\* HYMN - No. 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

\* PRAYER OF PRAISE

***O God, you are our light, our joy, and our strength. We praise you for your love and power. We stand in awe of your great majesty and give thanks that you are closer to us than our very breath. As we are called together in this new day, we pray that your Spirit would enable our prayers and teach us how to follow you more closely. May our worship be a pleasing offering to you. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

\* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

\* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

***Almighty and merciful God, we acknowledge that we have not always followed in your ways. When you have urged us to move forward, we have hung back in fear. When you have called us to proclaim the good news of your reign to the world, we have remained silent. When you have shown us how to love our neighbor, we have been satisfied with tending to our own needs. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short of your good and joyful calling and renew our hearts by your Spirit's power.*** (silent confession)

\* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

\* OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE - No. 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.*

\* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

## THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 16 (OT610)

ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 9:51-62 (NT85)

SERMON "A Goodly Heritage"

HYMN - No. 720 "Jesus Calls Us"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed" Traditional (p. 35)

## THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

\* Response of Praise - No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Sonatina in G, Op. 168, No.2 Diabelli

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Traditional (p. 35)

## THE WORD SENDS US

\* HYMN - No. 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

\*The (\*) indicates that those who are able may stand.  
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

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**Please use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.**

*Directing our worship today: Preacher, Rev. Margaret Poteet;  
Worship Assistant, Mary Myers; Conversation with Our Children, Margaret Poteet;  
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce; Musicians; Nan Bonnet, Tara Frank,  
Sam Frank, Deborah Majok, Bill Sanford, Andrew Vinton*

## Prayer Square

*Please keep the following church members and friends in  
your prayers.*

### MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, BARB GREENWOOD, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, THE HOLT FAMILY, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, CHARLIE MORY, THE MORY FAMILY, MARLA AND DAVID MULLINAX, THE NICKUM FAMILY, DONNA POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, THE SANDERSON FAMILY, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

### FRIENDS

BECKI BLAZI, BETTY CONTE, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT GROFF, FRED HECKLER, SHERRY HOWER, LINDA LEEDY, JOANNE MATHIS, DANIELLE SIMS, CHRISTY WEIGLE, DAVID WEISS, THE WIX FAMILY, LYNN BUCK WOODWARD

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER SQUARE PLEASE  
CONTACT JANICE AT 717-418-1526 OR MOMJAKH@AOL.COM

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session of Paxton Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for June 29, 2025, following worship, for the purpose of receiving a report of the PNC, electing a candidate as the next called and installed pastor of the congregation, and approving the terms of call.

## NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Joe Frank's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on July 3 by Bob and Tara Frank.

**SPONSOR A GAME FOR VBS** Games needed for VBS. We are still in need of a few games for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. See the bulletin board outside the office to donate.

**REGISTRATION** It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School. Our Twist & Turns VBS, for children age 3 through 5th grade, is July 14-17 and registration spots are filling up. Be sure to sign up soon!

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** If you would like to help in any way for VBS this summer, be sure to fill out the volunteer google form. If you want a very cool VBS T-shirt, you must sign up by June 9th.

**DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD** The Renewed Hope Pantry opened in July 2024 and now serves over 300 families, many who are working but rely on the Pantry to help them bridge the gap between income and daily necessities. Through this food ministry, the pantry serves its neighbors with dignity, compassion, and stability. As the number of families relying on the Pantry increases the DDB is asking for help restocking its Pantry. Please see the sign outside the library for the list of specific items requested.

**SECURITY** PMM Safety/Security requests that doors be locked during all after hours meetings/events within 10 minutes of scheduled start time. Anyone arriving after that time should call someone inside to let them in. The church office can provide a phone directory upon request. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our campus safe for all.

**COINS FOR CARING** May \$53.00 to Brethren Housing Association. The June collection will go to Krislund Presbyterian Camp.



## Meet the Candidate

# Margaret Poteet



As the daughter (and sister) of a minister, Margaret grew up surrounded by the church community. She always found it a warm and welcoming space. She was baptized and confirmed in the PC(USA). The primary church of her childhood also provided a safe space as Margaret wrestled with some doubts and faith questions during high school. Participating in children's and youth choirs, handbells, youth groups, mission trips, VBS, and more, Margaret considered the church her second home. While ministry was something she considered here and there throughout childhood, high school, and even college, it wasn't until she had tried teaching Kindergarten and then had a career in higher education that she sensed God's calling to pursue becoming a minister of word and sacrament. Throughout college, Margaret served in leadership roles within the InterVarsity chapter at her school and then, following graduation, she joined the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill (PCCH) in Philadelphia, PA. Here, she continued to grow in her understanding of theology, scripture, and God's expansive welcome and love. She sang in the choir from week one, and over time served two terms as a Deacon, sat on the Social Witness/Missions committee, and was eventually elected as a Ruling Elder, being ordained to that office in 2016. She helped restart the Adult Education committee, serving as its chair. During those twelve years as a member of PCCH, Margaret developed a love for participating in and leading various educational opportunities and conversations about current issues and faith, as well as a deep care for the people that make up the church. She desired to help others grow in their own spiritual lives and connections with God and one another. Sensing a true call to parish ministry, and with the encouragement of her pastors and family, Margaret enrolled in seminary and began the process toward ordination. Following seminary, she was called to serve as the Associate Pastor of a Presbyterian church in Tennessee and was ordained in November 2020.

## This Week at Paxton

Sunday, June 29	9:15 AM	Summer Bible Study	Seekers' Room
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Lemonade on the Lawn	Lawn
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room
Monday, June 30	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
Tuesday, July 1	10:15 AM	PW Board Meeting	Room 201
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
	5:30 PM	Troop 36	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 2	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
	6:30 PM	Property Management	Seekers' Room
Thursday, July 3	7:30 PM	PNC	
Friday, July 4	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday, July 6	10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	VBS Training	Great Room
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room

### Lemonade on the Lawn

June 29  
July 27  
August 24

Join us after church for lemonade and fellowship!  
10:00 AM Coffee Central Sunday Snacks will resume in September.

### Concerts in the Grove

Keystone Concert Band  
July 26th at 6 pm

Lower Paxton Variety Band  
August 16 at 5 pm.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public

9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday

If you need to visit the office or building at another time, please call the office.

**IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JULY 4 THE  
CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

## Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Interim Pastor	x105	Rev. Dr. Kent Carter (he/him)	<a href="mailto:pastor@paxtonchurch.org">pastor@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Director of Faith Formation	x104	Michelle Sheppard	<a href="mailto:michelle.sheppard@paxtonchurch.org">michelle.sheppard@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Director of Music		Susan Beckley	
Organist		Jeanne Bruce	
Director of Youth Music		Andrew Vinton	
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Worship Events Coordinator		Susan Shuey	
Financial Office	x102	John Palmer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@paxtonchurch.org">treasurer@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Nursery School Director	x103	Nicole Evenhuis	<a href="mailto:nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org">nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Custodian		Mary Bowers	

### Board of Deacons

Tara Frank	Moderator
Merideth Staudenmaier	Secretary
Sally Appleby	Rich Lengler
Jim Bruce	Diana Robertson
Linette Burd	Deb Trephan
Judy Frankford	Brenda Vinton
Cheryl Holtzman	Bev Ziebell

### Pastoral Nominating Committee

Bob Frank	Chairman
Nancy Bingaman	Secretary
Jessica Vinton	Communications
Bill Gough	
Mary Myers	
Don Laughery	

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Leaders  
Stephen Ministers

Gary Myers  
Karen Cirillo  
Cheryl Holtzman  
Annette Kilpatrick  
Steve Miller

Jane Sanford  
Karen Herrold  
Janice Hutchison  
Nancy Lengler  
Kathy Woodbridge

***For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.***

### Session \*Chair

Kent Carter (he/him)		Moderator
Kitti Taylor		Clerk of Session
Karen Herrold*		Christian Education
Janice Hutchison*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt*	Jan Gough	Mission
Gary Myers*	Janice Hutchison	Nominating
Jay Kealey*	Gary Myers	Personnel
Nino Giambrone*	Geoffrey Vinton*	Property Management
Craig Staudenmaier*		Stewardship
Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	Bob Frank	Worship and Music

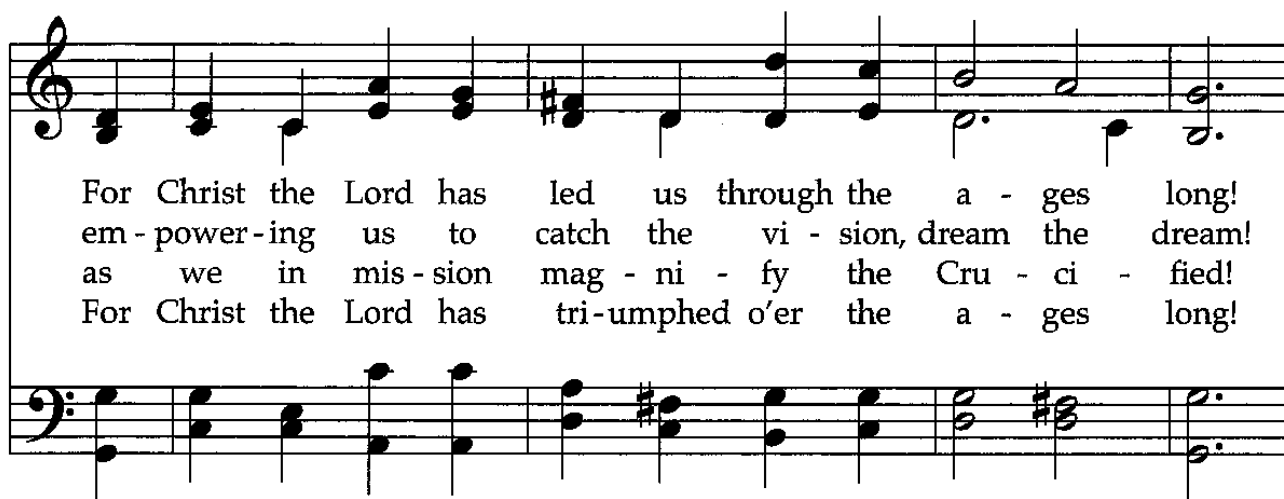
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



# 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



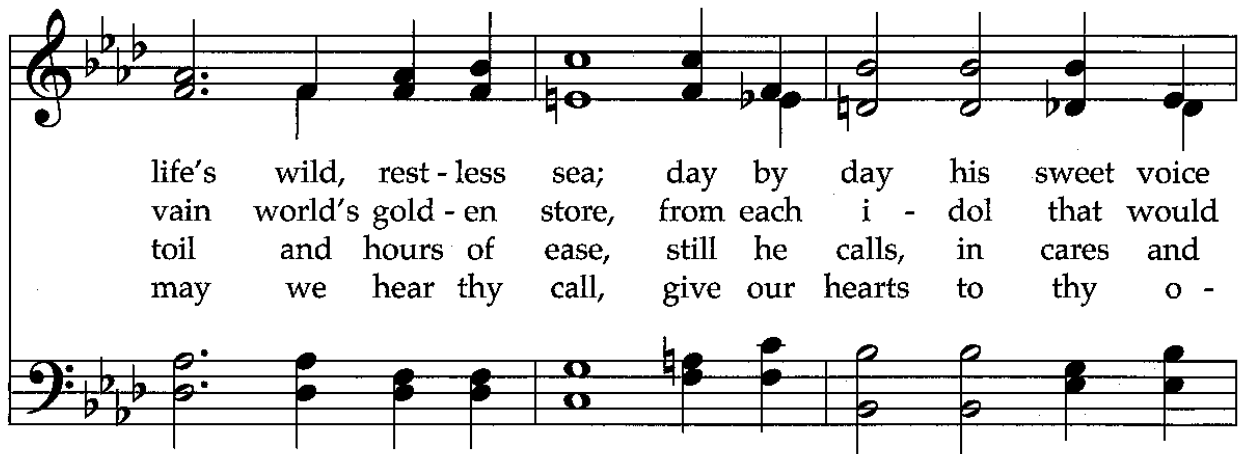
In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

## Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

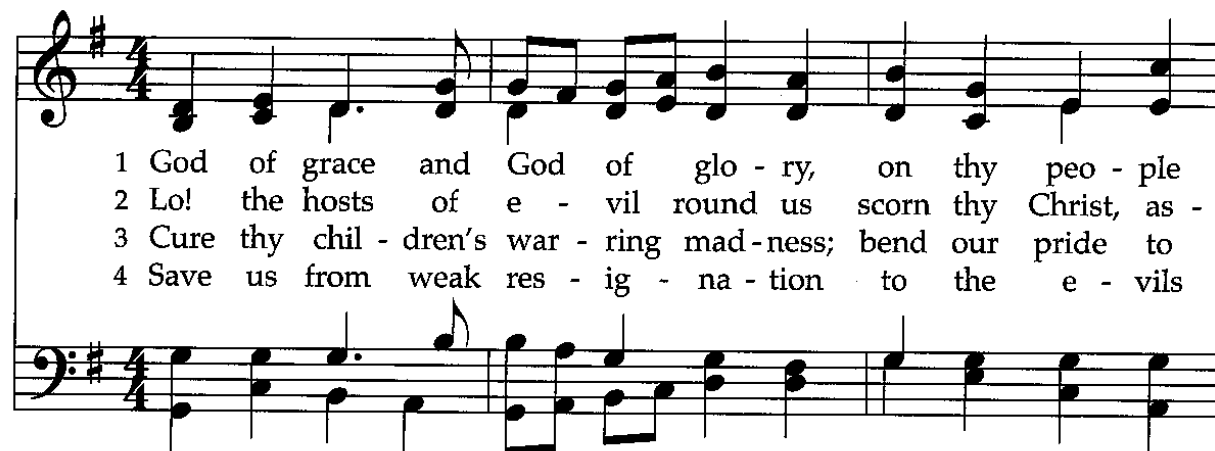


life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

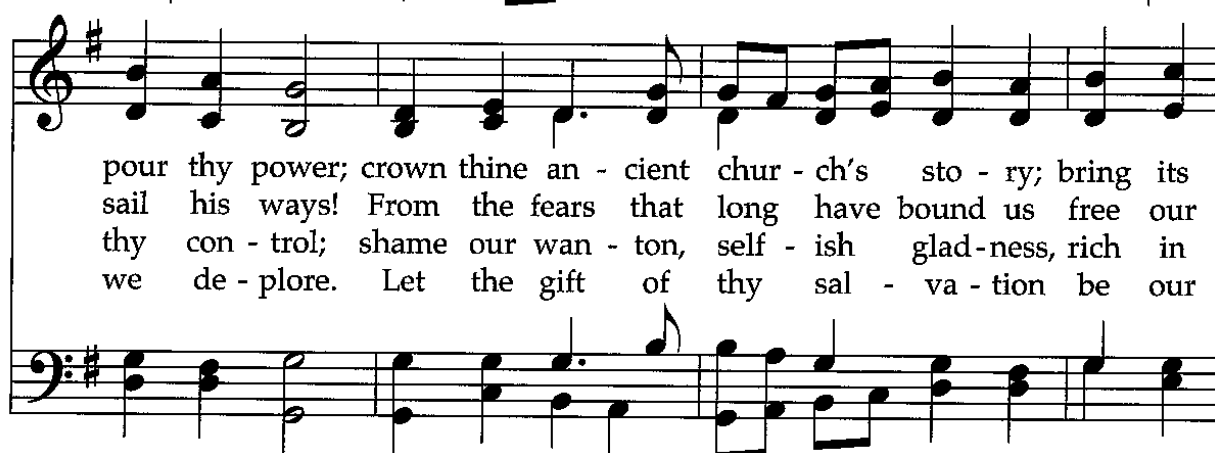


sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

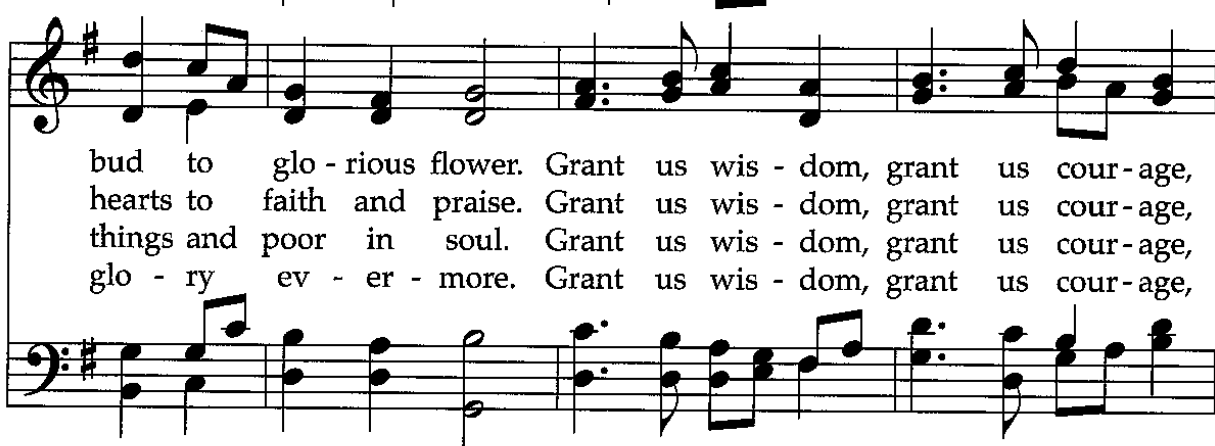
# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



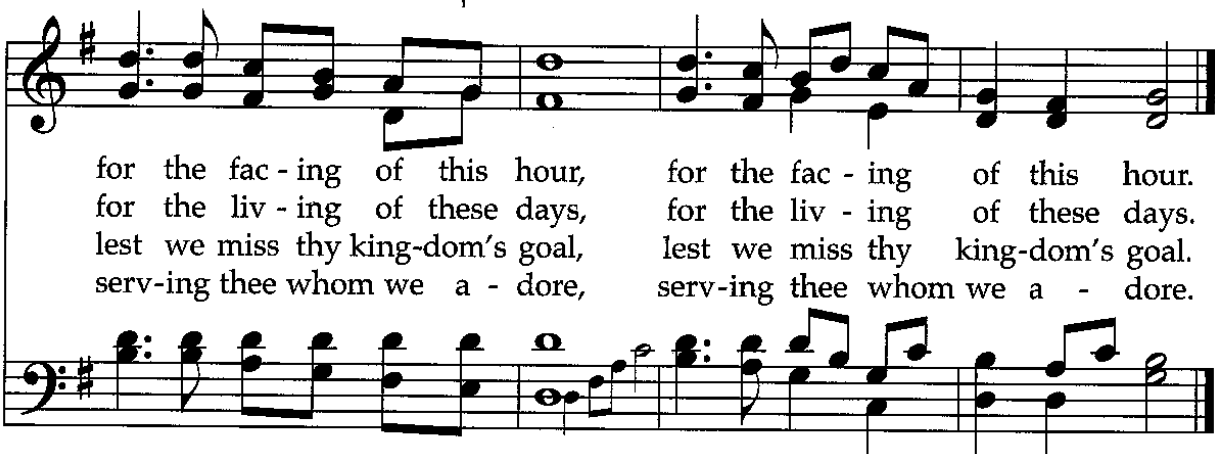
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.